

## A STRAIGHT DEMOCRAT

### Thinks That Caleb Powers Should Have a Square Deal at His Next Trial

Quenton News-Herald.

THINKS POWERS SHOULD HAVE A "SQUARE DEAL."

The following communication was received at our office recently and as a matter of news to our many readers we take pleasure in publishing it. We do so without any comment or expression of opinion on our part. The trial of Powers has always excited the greatest interest in all parts of the county, and any news pertaining to him always furnishes interesting reading. Following is the article:

To the Editor of The News-Herald: I am a Democrat and as such I ask you to give me space in your paper to offer a few observations on a matter in which every Democrat in the whole state is vitally interested. I have reference to the approaching trial of Caleb Powers, who is charged with complicity in the murder of the late William Goebel.

When Mr. Powers is again tried one or the other of four things will happen: He will either be sentenced to be hanged, or sentenced to the penitentiary for life, or acquitted, or the trial will result in what is commonly known as a "hung jury," in which event he will have to be tried again; so it is up to the Democrats of the state to either hang him, send him to the penitentiary for life, or acquit him. And I use the word "Democrats" advisedly because Mr. Powers will be tried by a Democratic Court, in a Democratic community on a charge instituted by Democrats, and upon the shoulders of the Democratic party of the state will rest the praise, or censure, or burden of disposing of Mr. Powers, as the case may be.

If he is innocent and is hanged, the blood is on our hands, and if such a thing should happen, and it should turn out later that he was innocent of complicity in Goebel's murder, it will be the undoing of the Democratic party in the state. We would never hear the last of it. We would be called "judicial murderers, judicial assassins," and there would be created such a sentiment in favor of those (the Republicans) who defended him and stood by him in his life time, as would sweep this state like a cyclone and we would not recover from it in a quarter of a century. After Powers is dead no one can say anything against him. Death closes the door to all accusations; and it must be borne in mind that Powers has been a public officer all his life, and at the early age of about 30, I believe, was

nominated by the Republicans to the third highest office in the state, and they claim was elected by them and the Independent Democrats to that important trust. And it must be remembered further that no unfaithfulness to duty in any of the positions he has ever held has ever been laid at his feet until he was charged with having a hand in the murder of Goebel.

If Mr. Powers is sent to the penitentiary for life, and it later turns out that he is an innocent man, (and stranger things have happened) the Democratic party of the state will be in almost as bad a predicament as if it had wrongfully hanged him. He has suffered much already. He has been put upon trial for his life three times—twice sentenced to the penitentiary for life and once sentenced to death. He has been continuously deprived of his liberty in the vigor of his youth between six and seven years. Whatever else may be said about him, he is young, vigorous, ambitious, intelligent. He knows how to make a defense in court and out. The Republicans and Independent Democrats of the state are standing by him to a man, and many of our side are publicly saying: "I do not believe Mr. Powers is guilty; or if he is, he had great provocation and has suffered enough," and things like that. And do you know it is amazing the amount of secret sympathy he has among all classes of Democrats? You know it is the nature of Kentuckians for their sympathy to go out to the "under dog." So in addition to what Mr. Powers has already suffered and the friends and sympathizers he has in our ranks, should he be sent to the penitentiary for life and be a living appeal to the people of the state to come to his rescue through the ballot box, it might some day give us trouble politically. Or if Mr. Powers should die in the penitentiary or should finally get out, and in either event his innocence be established, it would be to the Democratic party of this state nothing short of a calamity. It is an old saying that "murder will out," and every detail of the Goebel murder may some of these days be known to the world through such channels of information that its truth cannot be questioned, and some of those now implicated may be proved to be innocent and others not now implicated may be proved to be guilty.

If Powers should be acquitted at his next trial and it should turn out afterwards that he is guilty, the Democratic party would be held up to a great deal of censure from men in its own ranks but the mouths of the Republicans would

be closed. You would see those Republicans who have been so loud-mouthed in Powers's defense crawling under cover. They would have nothing to say on the subject. You would be unable to get one of them to discuss it with you. You see I am not discussing Powers's guilt or innocence, or the moral phase of the question at all. I am simply trying to point out how his forthcoming trial is liable to affect the Democratic party.

In view of the things I have mentioned and the dangers that are likely to befall the Democratic party by reason of the Powers case, it behooves our party to act with caution, circumspection and with the utmost fairness in the next trial of this man. If there are any miscarriages of justice one way or the other, our party should remember that it is on its shoulders where the thing will fall. If there are any blunders or mistakes made, we will be chargeable with them. Democrats everywhere are beginning to say, "Powers has never had a fair trial."

The fact that the higher courts have granted him a new trial every time he has been convicted shows that his convictions were not procured in the way the law says was just and fair. And doubtless some brother Democrat, who reads this article, will say: "Even if it is so you ought not to be saying it and giving publicity to such a thing." And to such a one I say: "It is to the man who tells you that your house is on fire and gives you an opportunity to save it, that you owe the debt of gratitude, and not to the man who conceals such information from you and thereby helps to encompass your ruin."

It is always a good idea to look ahead a little and see the pitfalls before us. We have got to meet these things later, and let us conduct ourselves in such a manner now that whatever the future has in store for us, we will not be tossed upon the shores of odium, defeat and disaster. Now, as a matter of fact, Powers ought to be tried by six Democrats and six Republicans, and all these should be good citizens and above reproach. There is too much money in the prosecution of Powers to let any "floating" Republican sit on that jury. If such a one should sit on the jury and should vote to convict Powers, we would at once be charged with having "bought him with a part of that \$100,000 corruption fund." That would be the charge made by the Republicans and many Democrats would believe it and some would openly say it.

If the jury is composed exclusively of what the Republicans call "Goebel Democrats" and there is a verdict of guilty, it will be received with distrust by the great majority of the people of the whole state regardless of party affiliations. People will say: "Well, if Powers is guilty it is not necessary to pack the jury on him with his enemies politically in order to convict him and the fact that has been done is the best of proof that he is innocent." And to admit the truth, there would be a good deal of show of reason in that. Politics have become so involved in the Powers case that such a trial of him by us, would put us at a great disadvantage, and would greatly increase his friends and that too from our ranks. And besides it would give the Republicans in their argument

of unfair trials for him much ground and reason with which to combat us.

If Taylor had been killed instead of Goebel and some Democrat had been charged with it and politics had become so involved as has been done in the Powers case, we would think it a monstrous outrage to try any Democrat with a jury composed exclusively of rank, unreasoning Republicans. It is claimed by Powers's friends that out of the 176 men summoned from Bourbon county for the purpose of doing jury service in his last trial that 172 of them were what the Republicans called "straight Goebel Democrats." Should a thing like that happen on Powers's next trial it will be a strong proof to the world that Powers is innocent and that we have to resort to a packed jury in order to convict him. And if Mr. Powers is convicted by such methods, it will be a decided blow to the Democratic party. And besides some Democratic Jurymen, although he may think that Powers ought to be punished, will be found who will rise up some of these days and say: "It is not fair to try Powers in any such a way as that, and I am not going to be put in the attitude for men to say of me that it was known what I would do in advance of trial and therefore I was selected as a Juror."

Honest men do not like the public to say of them that they were summoned for the purpose of conviction regardless of testimony, and if there are no substantial Republicans on the jury that tries Powers it will put the Democrats who do try him in exactly that attitude before the public. And it would not surprise me to hear of some ruggledly honest Democrat saying, "I do not propose to convict Powers under these circumstances, when the evidence against him any way is merely circumstantial."

If I were the Sheriff upon whom the duty fell to select a jury in the Powers case I would go into some neighborhood composed of Democrats and Republicans in about equal numbers, if I could find such a community, and I would select an equal number of the leading Democrats and Republicans in it. Nobody could charge unfairness then. Thomas Jefferson laid it down as one of the principles of Democracy that every man accused of crime was entitled to a fair and impartial trial by a jury of his peers, and that no man should be deprived of life, liberty, or property without due process of law. The Democrats of Kentucky cannot afford to depart from these teachings in the Powers trial, the Hargis trial, or any other trial.

It must be admitted that there have been too many "shady" transactions in the Powers case. I suppose there is no doubt but that Weaver swore a lie when he said he was on the State-house Square in Frankfort when Goebel was shot and saw a gun barrel protruding from one of Powers's office windows, for a dozen men or more swore that Weaver was over 100 miles away from Frankfort at the time, at Grayson Springs, I believe, and Weaver has been indicted for perjury. And Finley Anderson, another witness for the state, has sworn on both sides of the case, swearing that Powers said nothing of the sort, and that he had lied in his testimony against Powers. The same is true of Robert Noaks and Henry E. Youtsey. Culton, another important witness for the state, has forged a

## A DETERMINATION TO CLEAN UP

Since inaugurating our Cut-Price Sale we have disposed of about sixty jobs, but still have about forty-five or fifty on hand, and are determined to clean up CLEAN if prices will do it. Here are a few of our bargains:

	COST.	SALE PRICE.
1 SURREY.....	\$ 70.00	\$ 60.00
1 SURREY, FULL LEATHER EXTENSION TOP.....	116.75	110.00
1 BUGGY, Steel Tire.....	100.00	90.00
1 BUGGY, Rubber Tire.....	125.00	110.00
1 RUNABOUT, Steel Tire.....	50.00	45.00
1 RUNABOUT, Rubber Tire.....	77.25	70.00

Don't you think you had better make hay while the sun shines?

## MIKE BROWN

THE "SQUARE DEAL" MAN.

lot of witness claims and has left the country. The Democratic party is having to carry all this load, and for the sake of the Democratic party, if not of justice to Powers, he must have a fair trial before a jury mixed politically, and the evidence, if possible, ought to be above reproach. And now, Mr. Editor, I am done. Whether you endorse all I have said or not, you ought, in my judgment, publish this letter, because there are a great many Democrats entertaining the same sort of views as myself.

A STRAIGHT DEMOCRAT.

Get School Supplies at Ray's Drugstore.

SE All matter for publication must be handed in before 9 o'clock a. m.

### COUNTRY PRODUCE

Today's Quotations By E. L. Manchester, Keystone Commercial Co.

Prices corrected at 9 o'clock this morning—  
Turkeys, per lb..... 9c  
Chickens, per lb..... 8c  
Butter, per lb..... 10c  
Eggs, per dozen..... 15c  
Young turkeys, lbs upwards, 60c apiece

## LAST CALL ON OXFORDS AND ALL SUMMER FOOTWEAR!

In a few days September will be upon us. By then we hope to have about concluded our Clean-Sweep Sale of Summer Shoes and expect to begin receiving new Fall Goods. We don't want to pack away a single pair of Oxfords, and offer our entire line at a saving to you of about one-third to one-half the regular price. Quite a long period of wear yet before you, and the shoes will be useful again next spring. Strictly high quality shoes and GLOBE STAMPS.

## SMITH'S SHOE STORE

## Good Blood

Good blood, good health; bad blood, bad health; therefore you have it. Why not help nature just a little and change the bad to the good? Bad blood to good blood; poor blood to rich blood! Ask your doctor how this applies to Ayer's Sarsaparilla, and how it applies to you! Could anything be more fair?

We have no secrets! We publish J. C. Ayer Co., the formulas of all our medicines! Lowell, Mass.

## Charter Oak COAL!

We have a large stock of this most excellent Coal on hand. It is good and clean—no dirt, no stones, no clinkers. Try Charter Oak and prove its comfort and economy for yourself. We also handle Brick, Lime, Sand, Salt, Cement, Baled Hay, Corn and Millfeed. Agents for Alabaster Wall Plaster.

## MAYSVILLE COAL CO

'Phone 142.

## EDWIN MATTHEWS, DENTIST.

No. 154 WEST SECOND STREET, Opposite Hechinger & Co.  
Office Hours: 8:30 a. m. to 12 m. GAS FOR EXTRACTING.  
Phone 558.

## State National Bank. OF MAYSVILLE, KY.

Capital Stock, \$100,000  
Surplus, 30,000

## ROBE A GENERAL BANKING BUSINESS

SAMUEL M. HALL, President.  
CHAS. D. PEARCE, Cashier. JAS. N. KIRK, Vice-Pres.

## DAVIS BROTHERS,

PAINTERS and  
PAPER HANGERS.

Office and Shop, 110 Market St. Phone 382

Decorating, Graining and Tinting. All work done promptly and neatly. See their Wall-paper samples before buying.

## COAL

## FOR SALE

ALL GRADES OF

No. 1 Kanawha Coal.  
No. 1 New River Furnace Coal.  
No. 1 Kanawha Salt.  
No. 1 Baled Hay.  
No. 1 Bar Sand.

CAR LOTS  
A SPECIALTY.

## W. R. DAVIS,

120 Limestone Street,  
Wormsley's Old Stand,  
MAYSVILLE, KY. TELEPHONE No. 69.

## COAL

## Thermometers!

You will appreciate the warm weather more if you have a good Thermometer to register the temperature.

We have a nice line of Weather Thermometers which register correctly and

Are Sold Cheap

## J. C. PECOR, PHARMACIST.

### RAILWAY TIME CARDS.

CHESAPEAKE AND OHIO RAILWAY.  
Schedule in effect July 20th, 1906. Subject to change without notice. Central time.

Limited for Cincinnati, Indianapolis, St. Louis, Chicago, Louisville, Nashville, Memphis, West and Southwest  
6:33 a. m. 3:40 p. m. daily.  
West Virginia Express for Cincinnati.  
10:16 a. m. week days.  
5:30 a. m. 8:58 a. m. week days; 4:15 p. m. daily.  
Limited for Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Richmond, Old Point and Norfolk.  
1:35 p. m. and 10:55 p. m. daily.  
West Virginia Express for Clifton Forge and Hot Springs.  
10:05 a. m. week days.  
Local for Hinton.  
8:48 a. m. week days.  
Local for Huntington.  
8:48 a. m. daily; 5:35 p. m. week days.

## L & N Louisville & Nashville RAILROAD.

Leave. Arrive.  
5:40 a. m. 8:15 p. m.  
9:10 a. m. 8:30 a. m.  
1:20 p. m. 9:50 a. m.  
3:45 p. m. 2:00 p. m.  
\*Daily. \*Daily except Sunday.

## FRANKFORT AND CINCINNATI RAILWAY.

Read Down VIA PARIS AND E. C. Read Up.  
P. M. A. M. P. M. A. M.  
2:00 6:30 11:30 7:30  
2:47 7:13 11:30 8:00  
3:25 7:50 11:30 8:30  
4:11 8:36 11:30 9:00  
5:00 9:24 11:30 9:45  
6:00 10:24 11:30 10:45  
7:30 12:30 11:30 11:50  
8:00 10:30 11:30 12:00

## OHIO RIVER AND COLUMBUS R-WAY

TIME TABLE.  
In Effect Wednesday, Dec. 6, 1905.  
Ripley, Georgetown, Sardis, Cincinnati.  
Westbound. STATIONS. Eastbound.  
No. 3 No. 1 No. 1 No. 2 No. 4 No. 6  
P. M. A. M. P. M. A. M. P. M.  
5:00 12:50 6:25 10:30 4:10 8:00  
6:00 1:00 7:07 10:30 4:30 8:30  
8:00 3:30 8:55 11:15 1:30 5:30  
8:00 3:30 8:55 11:15 1:30 5:30

Mr. John J. Kirk, a carpenter who fell from the third tier of a barn on the farm of Mack Irvine in Germantown Monday morning, died that night from injuries received, aged 73. Funeral this morning, with interment in the Germantown Cemetery.

## River News

The gage marks 11.6 and falling.

The Kentucky river packets and the lighter boats are having an excellent run of trade.

Fall business will open up on the river shortly and all indications are that it will be the most prosperous season in years.

The phenomenal rises on the South side of the Ohio river during the month of August have been of great benefit to the sawmill interests along the river.

It is reported in river circles that the proposed establishment of river traffic between St. Joseph, Kansas City and St. Louis is a part of a plan by which Kansas City merchants hope to obtain a reduction of railroad rates between the points.

Pittsburgh river men took new hope when that city was deluged by a violent rain Sunday night, but little encouragement was held that the rain was general or that it will continue until a barge or coalboat stage is established in the rivers.

Major George A. Zinn, United States Engineer at Wheeling, is compiling a report of the conditions on the Ohio river and suggestions for improvements to be made, which will be forwarded to the War Department at Washington. The report will be bulky and in the preparation Major Zinn has been assisted by the Wheeling Board of Trade. The report will probably be made public at the meeting of the Ohio Valley Improvement Association at its next meeting in Portsmouth in October.

### STATE OF OHIO, CITY OF TOLEDO, ss.

FRANK J. CHENEY makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the city of Toledo, county and state aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of Hall's Catarrh Cure. FRANK J. CHENEY.  
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence this 5th day of December, A. D. 1886.

(SEAL.) A. W. GLEASON, Notary Public.

Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally and acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Send for testimonials free.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.  
Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

James H. Haggard of Paris, and formerly of Clark county, sold a farm of 236 acres in Bourbon county to Rev. Hollar of Nicholas county at \$80 per acre.

Shirley Mason, a young farmer, living at Breckinridge, committed suicide in Cynthiana Monday afternoon by swallowing an ounce and a half of carbolic acid, falling on the street and dying a few minutes after. Despondency from his inability to quit drinking is supposed to have caused the tragedy.

Street Commissioner Ben Smith is improving Cherry alley by putting down a brick walk and macadamizing the traveled thoroughfare.

Five thousand people Sunday witnessed the dress parade of the militia of the Second Kentucky Regiment at Camp Harris, Henderson.

The children are staying at grandpa's. Mama has gone down to the sea; Papa is at home working. Keeping well with Rocky Mountain Tea. J. J. Wood & Son.



## At Cincinnati, O. August 28 to September 22

## Cincinnati Invites YOU TO VISIT HER INDUSTRIAL EXPOSITION

Worth Miles of Travel To See

EXCURSION RATES BY RAIL AND RIVER

Attractions to Suit All Tastes

## "THE BLUE MOON"

London's Musical Spectacle

Staged in Music Hall by the Shuberts  
(Courtesy of Healy's Opera House Co. of Cincinnati, O.)  
Managers of Lyric Theatre.

A Tremendous Hit—First American Production

### "Fighting the Flames"

A Realistic Scene of the Conquering of an Actual Conflagration.

### A Dozen Splendid Shows on "Washington Park Circle"

Each One a Festival in Itself.

Cincinnati is Now the Liveliest City of the American Continent. Join the Thousands and Come. All Railroads Sell Round Trip Tickets at Low Rates. Cheap Excursions by Steamer from All Ohio River Towns. A Royal Welcome to ALL. For Further Information, Address

PUBLICITY COMMITTEE  
Cincinnati Fall Festival Association  
CINCINNATI, O.